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ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Arkansas' Absurd Cigarette Tax

Commissioner Has Thankless Task

State Revenue Commissioner M. B. McLeod made a courageous effort last week-end to expose the bootlegging of cigarettes into Arkansas from either tax-free or low-tax areas—but courageous as the man may be his effort is doomed to failure.

Charging that tobacco concerns in non-cigarette-producing Missouri are bootlegging Arkansas citizens on how to beat our state's 5-cent cigarette levy, Mr. McLeod said:

"Many citizens are indignant at this apparent effort of an out-of-state concern to take such an unfair advantage of Arkansas citizens, and to deprive our educational institutions of the tax."

"More than 75 per cent of the cigarette tax revenue goes to the common school and equalizing funds. The remainder is divided among state-supported colleges and the University of Arkansas."

Mr. McLeod warned that it is a violation of state law for anyone to have unstamped cigarettes in his possession in Arkansas, and he said offenders will be prosecuted.

This newspaper has been pointing out the bootlegging of cigarettes and urging the seizure of citizens coming out of the post office with unstamped cigarettes, for years—but without effect.

We have urged all that—and more.

We have urged that our state's absurd 5-cent tax per package of cigarettes be reduced to some reasonable figure, not over 2 or 3 cents at the outside.

In the matter of cigarettes Arkansas is just one market among 48 fiercely-competitive markets, and everything we do in taxation should be determined by what is practical—what will bring the largest possible return.

The 5-cent tax should never have been enacted in the first place. It is so far out of line with our neighboring states that bootlegging is a major industry of long standing—and our revenue from the cigarette tax has been disappointing.

It doesn't do any good to talk about the worth-while purposes for which the tax is levied, or fair play for the Arkansas merchants who are being damaged by bootleg competition—because tax collecting is a business, not a charitable appeal. Its foundation must be sound and its enforcement absolute.

The record of our 5-cent cigarette tax shows that it is unenforceable.

What we ought to do is cut the tax down to a practical figure . . . in line with our neighbor states . . . and then enforce the law against a bootleg trade which by that time would have diminished to a point where enforcement would be possible.

MacArthur's Airmen Strike Enemy Bases

Allied Headquarters in Australia, March 30 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's bombers ranged out again yesterday to punish Japanese positions in New Guinea and New Britain and to strike at enemy concentrations on Australia's northwestern flank.

Fires visible for 15 miles were started in a low-level bombing and strafing attack on Toel, in the Kai Islands, and the villages of Laogang and Wabsek also were machinegunned, headquarters said today.

In New Britain, airdromes at Gasmata and Cape Gloucester were bombed, and in New Guinea the harbor at Madang, the town area and shore installations at Lae, and the coast between Finschhafen and Madang were strafed and bombed, a communiqué announced.

Japanese bombers meanwhile, struck once more at Oro Bay, below Buna. Six bombers caused slight damage but no casualties in a half-hour night raid, it was said.

British Also Active

New Delhi, March 30 (AP)—RAF bombers and fighters made two attacks on Japanese-held villages on the Mau peninsula in Western Burma yesterday, while other bomber squadrons swept to the north to strike objectives in the Katha area on the upper Irrawaddy and British fighters damaged at least three Japanese planes in a dogfight over Cox's Bazaar, on the Arakan coast, a British communiqué announced today.

In a night raid on the Japanese airfield at Ichio, Wellington bombers observed their explosives bursting on the runway and in dispersal areas, it was announced.

No British planes were missing either from the bombing expeditions or in the dogfight.

Possibility of Deadlock on Tax Pay Plan

—Washington

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn predicted today that the House would reject the Ruml skip-a-year tax plan while, as it neared a vote, Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin said "we're confident" the proposal will succeed.

Rayburn expressed his opinion in response to a question at his first press conference since debate began on the now bitterly contested controversy on how best to get taxpayers on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Martin's statement followed an hour-long strategy meeting he held with the Republican steering committee.

Rayburn declined to predict whether President Roosevelt would veto the Ruml plan if it should reach him bearing the approval of the House and Senate. Rep. Dies (Tex.) told the House Saturday he was certain of such a veto.

The speaker made it clear that he believed the House should act now on the question of taxes, rather than letting a stalemate or deadlock result in sending it back to the Ways and Means committee for further study.

"I don't think Congress can be put in the position of not acting on it after the committee has been studying this matter for two months," he said, adding:

"We've got to function. That applies to Republicans as well as Democrats."

Just back from Texas, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Rayburn said he felt that he had been "in a good position to view this thing" from 1,300 miles away from Washington.

"I think," he said, "that the 'average citizen thinks that the Ruml plan is a little too much.'"

Asked directly whether he thought that the committee's plan, which provides no tax abatement, would be adopted, the speaker replied: "I don't know what kind of amendments will be offered."

More than 20 have been proposed.

Washington, March 30 (AP)—The possibility of an absolute deadlock grew stronger in the House today as the lawmakers made ready to vote on a pay-as-you-go income tax legislation.

At the end of an arduous four-day debate, the chamber was split into three apparently unyielding factions:

1. Ruml plan advocates, principally Republicans, who favor passing a full tax year.

2. Supporters of the Ways and Means committee tax collection plan that provides no tax abatement, mostly Democrats.

3. A bi-Partisan blue unwilling to support either of these proposals but seeking a compromise canceling a part of one tax year.

While proponents of both the Ruml plan and the committee bill claimed enough votes for victory, one prominent Democrat privately expressed the opinion that the three-way division might stalemate all efforts to gain a majority behind any definite proposal, and the whole current payment tax problem might be tossed back to the Ways and Means committee, there to languish and perhaps die.

Rep. Luce (R-Conn.), leader of a Republican group opposing the broad abatement feature of the plan advanced by Beardsley Ruml, New York banker, suggested such a recommissioned if the House can not agree on a system that visits no inequities as between classes and treats taxpayers "like patriotic adults, instead of spoiled and whining infants."

Voting which is bound to echo in future political campaigns begins today but final disposition of the various proposals may not come until Wednesday or Thursday.

Unless a stalemate develops, any bill that emerges is expected to provide for a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portions of all wages and salaries, effective July 1.

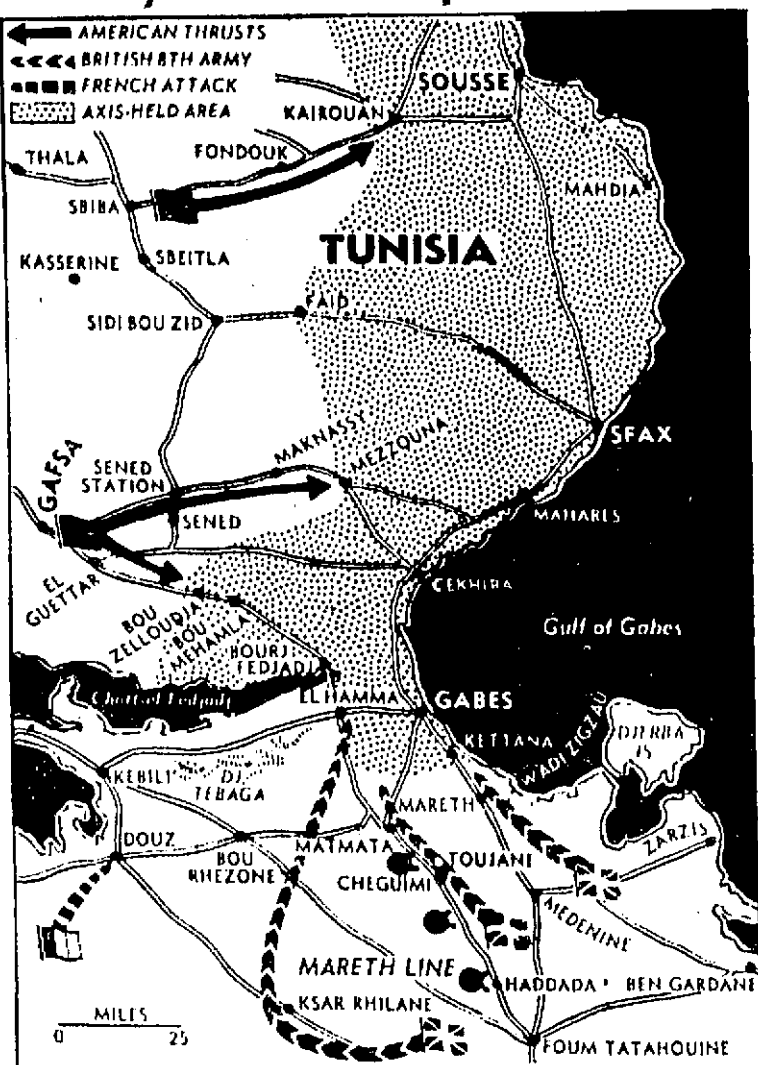
Some members seeking to avoid a deadlock were suggesting that the House might pass a simple withholding levy, and send the bill over to the Senate for settlement of the tax abatement issue.

Rep. Disney (D-Okla.) said of the Ruml skip-a-year plan, that "the little fellows" back home would resent being abated a tax liability of \$3.00 while, he asserted, Beardsley Ruml himself was being relieved of a liability of approximately \$300,000.

Rep. Jenkins (D-Ore.) said 90 per cent of the American people wanted the Ruml plan.

The U. S. Bureau of Census reports the average number of persons to a family in this country is 4.5.

Today's War Map



Today's telemap shows three American drives toward the Tunisian coast; British advance through Mareth line and close to Gabes; French drive to Donz.

Brazilians Held in Spy Plot Against U. S.

Rio De Janeiro, March 30 (AP)—An Axis spy plot against the United States involving a captain of artillery in the Brazilian army and other Brazilian nationals, as well as present and former Axis diplomats, was disclosed yesterday with publication of a full police report of charges submitted to the Tribunal of National Security.

The Tribunal of National Security is the Brazilian court that tries cases involving sabotage, espionage and other offenses against the nation's security. Its task will be to study the police report and determine what action should be taken.

Interception by U. S. authorities of a message by clandestine radio from Brazil to Germany revealed the attempt of the Brazilian officer, Capt. Tullio Regis Do Nascimento, to secure official permission to visit American war plants and to study fire control apparatus on American Naval vessels, the report indicated.

A request to Berlin for \$3,000 by Albrecht Gustav Engels—later arrested as one of the chief figures in German espionage in Brazil—for Nascimento's expense on a trip to the United States, for which Nascimento had already asked permission of American authorities at Rio, revealed the heart of the plot, the report said.

Existence of an organized system for sending military information from Brazil to Argentina—at peace with the Axis—which involved at least two other Brazilians in the transmission of invisible ink messages, was also revealed in the report.

The report made frequent mention of the former German ambassador, Kurt Purefer and his principal aides as espionage agents both before and after Brazil's rupture of relations with the Axis on June 28, 1942, and also mentioned Heinz Ehlers, a former member of the German diplomatic staff in Brazil, who remained as an attaché to the Spanish embassy, and whose continued presence the report described as "highly inconvenient."

Most of the Brazilians involved, the report said, were former members of the Fascist "integralist" party, outlawed since 1938, and included:

Erardo Margela Mela Mourao, one of the bearers of secret messages to Buenos Aires and a writer for the then pro-Nazi newspaper Gazeta de Noticias.

Benedito Anareu, a woman writer for the same paper, described as an "apparently unwilling" intermediary for the messages.

Dr. Oswaldo Rifele Franca, who also allegedly delivered messages, Camillo Mendes Pimental, a lawyer, accused of receiving 60,000 Argentine pesos (about \$18,000) and \$35,000 of U. S. money from Engel for espionage, plus 400,000 Cruzeiros (\$20,000) for organizing a Brazilian company headed by Engel.

RAF Loses 33 Planes in Berlin Attack

London, March 30 (AP)—The RAF attacked Berlin and war plants in the Ruhr valley last night with a loss of 33 bombers, the air ministry announced today.

Sweeping over the Nazi capital for the second time in three nights the British fliers inflicted heavy damage and lost 31 bombers, while another twelve were missing from the sweep over the Ruhr, the communiqué said.

It was the sixteenth raid of the war on Berlin, Saturday night the RAF unloaded 900 tons of bombs in the greatest raid of the war on the Nazi capital, during which nine bombers were lost.

It was the seventh air attack on Berlin this year.

Bochum, an important iron, steel and coal center in the Ruhr only 10 miles east of Essen, also was among the targets hit.

Last night's losses were the highest the RAF has suffered in a single night's raid since Sept. 16, 1942, when 39 bombers failed to return from widespread raids on the Ruhr.

It was the second costliest attack on Berlin. Twenty-two aircraft were reported missing from the Jan. 17-18 raid.

Observers concluded that last night's assault either was made by a much larger force of bombers than usual or that the defenses of the city had been strengthened greatly.

The biggest loss ever suffered by the RAF in a single night was 52 bombers in the 1,000-bomber raid on Bremen and other targets on the night of June 23-24, 1942. Twenty-three were missing from the Essen raid on March 12-13 when the Krupp works were damaged heavily.

The Royal Canadian Air Force announced that its giant Halifaxes and Wellingtons joined the RAF in the great two-pronged offensive last night against Berlin and objectives in the Ruhr and that 10 of its planes were among the 33 lost by British forces.

FSA in Agreement on Farm Difficulty

Little Rock, March 30 (AP)—The Farm Security Administration reported today that it has "worked out its difficulties" with Mrs. May Bloodworth, who had received notice to move from the farm she has been occupying at the FSA's Campbell farms project near Trumann.

Mrs. Bloodworth and five other families received eviction notices recently. The FSA said it was negotiating to work out difficulties with some of the others. It did not renew lease of the five last fall.

More than 2,000,000 seals annually navigate 3,000 miles from the southern California coast to the Bering Sea.

Weather Slows Reds in March to Smolensk

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, March 30 (AP)—Slogging ahead in bad weather and through swampy country, the Red Army is continuing to move toward Smolensk, while south of Bely, the Soviet midday communiqué said today three more villages have fallen into Russian hands.

A strong enemy section was attacked in the Bely sector yesterday and a wedge driven into the German defenses, with one detachment swinging around the position to aid in exterminating a large part of the garrison and then helping to stave off a German counter-attack, the bulletin declared.

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The broadcast communiqué was recorded in London.

(Since Feb. 23, the communiqué said, the Russians had lost 61,460 in dead, 2,978 prisoners and 293 tanks in the Staraya Russa sector southeast of Leningrad.)

While the main force of the Russians northeast of Smolensk consolidates its newly won points, scouts have gone out on reconnoitering missions, it was said.

In the latest fighting, about 300 Germans were killed, the communiqué said, and the Russians captured two guns, a mortar battery and an ammunition dump.

Heavy losses were reported on a German rapid fire rifle unit that attempted to storm Soviet positions on the Northern Donets river, with the Germans forced back to their original positions.

The action was described officially as "in the area of the middle reaches of the Northern Donets river."

These battles currently are not on a large scale, it was reported, but they start usually with the Germans sporadically attacking the Soviet troops who still are entrenched in their positions.

There were as yet no indications the Russians had given up the footholds they still have in some places on the western bank of the Donets.

"In another sector (of the Donets front) artillery fire dispersed a large concentration of enemy infantry, silenced two mortar batteries and destroyed an enemy self-propelled gun," the communiqué announced.

The midday war bulletin declared that 14 German planes had been shot out of the air, three of them on the Smolensk front and 11 in the western Caucasus, where a German scouting force was reported smashed by artillery and mortar fire.

There were some indications that the thaw this year will not be as bad, generally, as last because of the milder winter, with much less snow than usual.

Evangelist Held on Charge of Rape

Lake City, March 29 (AP)—Despite his insistent denial of the charge, Traveling Evangelist Joe A. Ellis, 46, was held in jail today pending circuit court action on a charge he raped the 20-year-old wife of a fellow minister.

Justice of the Peace J. F. Timmis ordered Ellis held after the complaining witness told her story at a preliminary hearing here yesterday.

The young woman testified that Ellis assaulted her in her home while her husband was in Jonesboro delivering a radio broadcast. The following day she said Ellis, against her wishes, bought her a dress and her baby a pair of shoes, and took her and her husband with him to Missouri for an evangelistic meeting. She said it was several days before she had an opportunity to tell her husband of the attack.

The two men are ministers of the One God church. Deputy Sheriff Wes Mooneyhan said.

679 Taxi Company Sold to L. R. Urrey

The 679 Taxi Company has been purchased by L. R. Urrey from Leo Compton. Mr. Urrey announced today, "I will strive to give the same prompt and courteous service that the public has enjoyed in the past, and will appreciate continued patronage." Mr. Urrey said.

Junction of 8th Army, American Forces at Hand

—Africa

London, March 30 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today that Allied van guards passed through Gabes this morning in pursuit of Marshal Rommel's fleeing Tunisian army.

The prime minister warned, however, against underrating "the task which confronts the whole Allied forces in Tunisia."

"But," he said, "we have every reason to be satisfied with the progress already made by our superior forces and superior and resolute commanders."

Churchill made his announcement in the House of Commons and disclosed also that El Hamma, 20 miles west of Gabes, had been occupied last night. It was the flanking objective which helped break the back of the Mareth Line.

"According to the latest information," he said, "we occupied El Hamma last night. Our vanguards passed through Gabes this morning."

"New Zealand troops are those who have already passed through Gabes. They are actually in contact with the enemy."

Churchill told Commons that "since I informed the House last week of the check sustained on the Mareth front, the situation has turned very much in our favor."

"General Montgomery's decision to throw his weight on to the turning movement instead of persisting in a frontal attack has been crowned with success."

"Another severe defeat has been inflicted by the desert army on the Axis forces they have so long pursued. . . ."

Memphis Man Held for Earle Bank Robbery

Earle, March 30 (AP)—A young Memphis electrician was held in the Crittenden county jail today in connection with the \$2,500 robbery of the Earle Banking Co., and serious wounding of a woman cashier and Negro porter of the institution.

Sheriff Cecil Goodwin said the cashier, Mrs. Mary French Fullwood, 30, had identified the arrested man as the robber. He said charges of robbery and assault with intent to kill would be filed against him.

The prisoner denied knowledge of the robbery when he was arrested and removed from a Memphis-bound bus shortly after the hold-up yesterday afternoon. Goodwin said \$912 in currency and 38 cents in change were found on the man and more than \$1,500 in bills was found in a lunch sack when the bus was searched.

Mrs. Fullwood was reported in a critical condition at a Memphis hospital, suffering from a blow over her right ear and cuts on the head and neck. The elderly Negro porter, Tom Woodford, suffered a blow on the head and stab wounds in the chest.

Goodwin said the robber, armed only with a penknife and heavy screwdriver entered the bank shortly after noon. Mrs. Fullwood was behind the teller's cage and Woodford was washing windows. The Negro reported hearing Mrs. Fullwood scream twice and then heard the man call to him that she had fainted. He said when he went to investigate, the man "hit me on the head with something, jumped on top of me and stabbed me twice."

The robber then dragged Mrs. Fullwood into a vault and fled out the back door of the bank.

Plenty of Sugar on Hand for Cannery

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Arkansas housewives were assured by the OPA through Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) today they could get all the sugar they needed for canning immediately.

McClellan said OPA had instructed its Dallas regional office to release the sugar and that a general order covering the entire sugar rationing program would be issued in the near future.

The Senator said he insisted on immediate action to avoid a recurrence of "the great loss of farm products last year as a result of the failure to provide for adequate sugar supplies in time."

The only railroad on the island of Crete is less than three miles in length.

By DANIEL DE LUCE

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 30 (AP)—A junction between the British Eighth Army and the American forces of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., appeared imminent today as the British stormed through Gabes and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing African Corps.

Occupation of Gabes and El Hamma on opposite sides of the Gabes bottleneck between the sea and the Salt Lakes was announced by an Allied headquarters communiqué today, and the Second New Zealand Marshal Erwin Rommel along the coastal road toward Sfax, 70 miles to the north.

The German armory withdrew from Gabes under a terrific Allied air bombardment, as well as punishment from the sea delivered by salvos of shells from Allied warships.

(Announcing the passage of New Zealand troops through Gabes this morning, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons in London today that the vanguards were still in contact with the retreating enemy forces north of Gabes.)

(Disclosing that the New Zealanders were the same force which outflanked the Mareth Line by taking El Hamma, about 20 miles west of Gabes, the Churchill announcement indicated that the Gabes gap already was closed to retreat for any Axis forces trapped in the 15- to 20-mile sack south to the Mareth line.)

(German "panzer divisions" in particular are remarkably mauled and encircled," Churchill announced, and he added that the proportion of the Italian 20th and 21st Italian Army Corps left behind had not been determined.)

(A British broadcast recorded in New York by the Federal Communications Commission said Rommel had established new headquarters at El Djem, 40 miles north of Sfax.)

The occupation of Gabes, about 20 miles north of the smashed Mareth Line, was announced as American infantry and armor of Gen. Patton smashed against the last mountainous wall between El Gueitar and the coast and the road from Gafsa.

There still was a distance of about 40 miles between the Americans and the British, however, as the Italian Corps strove desperately to stem the onrush of the British.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 30 (AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth Army has occupied Gabes and El Hamma in a swift pursuit of Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa Corps, an Allied headquarters communiqué announced today.

The advance was made in spite of strong rearward resistance, the communiqué said, and prisoners taken by the onrushing Allies were said now to number 8,000.

In the north, meanwhile, the British First Army of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson scored a further advance from the Djebel Abi area southwest of Bizerte.

More than seven hundred prisoners were captured in that sector despite strong German opposition in the difficult mountainous country.

American columns of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., nudging eastward from the mountain passes east of Sfax toward Rommel's flank also made progress after turning back some local counterattacks. The Americans captured 200 more prisoners, the communiqué said.

The whole operation was proceeding under a spread of Allied fighters and bombers which bombed Rommel's fleeing transport and lines of communication north of Gabes and farther to the north between the ports of Sfax and Sousse, the communiqué said.

Gabes, a city of 20,000 population, mostly native, was taken in a swift march by New Zealanders after the crumbling of the Mareth line and despite extensive mine fields and booby traps strewn in their party by the retreating Germans. Shortly before their entry Allied naval forces bombarded the port heavily from the sea.

Fifty enemy vehicles were reported destroyed and nearly 300 damaged by fighter bombers from the western desert which had waited out bad weather and then blasted Rommel's line of retreat between Oudjda, north of Gabes, and Sfax. This was one of the heaviest attacks of the campaign.

Heavy and medium bombers also joined the attack after the lull in dust storms and in attack lasting about an hour set fires visible for 60 miles among the retreating columns.

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Washington
By JACK STINNETT
Wide World Features Writer
Washington — The Capital in
Wartime:
Some enterprising statisticians
have figured that President Roose-
velt has traveled nearly 270,000
miles since he took office. That's
considerably better than the dis-
tance from the White House to the
moon. Maybe, when pence comes,
someone will take a couple of
months off and figure the total
mileage for all members of the
first family. Probably some Re-
publican would do it now if he
weren't afraid it would lead from
the moon back to the White House.
Sideline whittlers (who have been
wrong before) are saying that the
reason for starting the Fourth
Term snowball now is to get the
voters "conditioned" to the fact
that there's no longer such a thing
as "violation of a tradition." They
base their contentions on the ob-
servation that when such veterans
of the political ring as Representa-
tive Sabath, Senator Cuffey and
Vice President Wallace, not to
mention several who haven't yet
had an opportunity to speak, climb
on the bandwagon this far ahead
of election, there's something more
than a straw in the political wind.

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OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams
YOU AGREED TO WORK ON THAT FARM AFTER SCHOOL. YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT. THIS STUFF OF NOT FEELING WELL IS JUST LAZINESS!
S-S-S! GOSH, DON'T SHOW ME UP LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF THE FELLERS!
HE WAS BURSTING TO DESIRE TO HELP IN THE WAR EFFORT. BUT HE'S STARTING TO LOSE INTEREST!
I TOLD YOU IT TOOK ONE MAN IN THREE TO KEEP THE OTHER TWO PATRIOTIC! TO PROVE MY POINT I'VE GOT TO ADMIT MY MA CHASED ME OUT TOO WHEN YOU STOPPED BY. I WAS A LITTLE SICK TOO!
J. R. WILLIAMS
3-30

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith
"Our dogs dug up a lot of your garden last spring, but you were so nice about it that we'd like to help you make one this year!"
3-30

FUNNY BUSINESS
"But, Officer, I'm not pleasure driving—I keep the car parked here!"
3-30

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson
NORTHERN LIGHTS HELPED THE NAZIS PICK OUT AND SINK THE BATTLESHIP "ROYAL OAK" IN 1939.
THE GREAT BRITISH SHIP, LYING AT ANCHOR IN SCAPA FLOW, MADE A PERFECT TARGET FOR U-BOAT GUNNERS AS IT STOOD OUT IN SILHOUETTE AGAINST THE LIGHTED SKY.
I'm back in the U.S.A., in the oldest city founded by Europeans. The Spaniards settled here about 1565. Yours truly, Private Elmer
WHERE'S ELMER?
ANSWER: St. Augustine, Florida.
3-30

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople
EGAD, JASON! I WORE THESE DUDS PACING THE BRIDGE OF MANY A GALLANT BARK ROUNDING THE HORN IN A BLOW! IT WOUNDS MY NAUTICAL PRIDE TO SEE JAKE SEIZE THE PLUM OF PURSER ON A FERRY WHILE I MARK TIME ASHORE!
YAS, MISTAH MAJOR, YOU IS CHUCK FULL OB OCEAN FULL OB—MEBBE NEX SUMMER WE KIN TAKE A VACATION CRUISE EF I KIN SHOPLIST MY UNCLE EUSTACE'S CANOE!
HO! THAT ADMIRAL DEWEY DISGUISE IS JUST THE TICKET FOR JAKE!
AHOV! SUBMARINE ASTERN!
3-30

Wash Tubbs
THE U-BOAT REMAINS AFLOAT ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO SEND A RADIO MESSAGE ABOUT THE BRITISH CONVOY, THEN SUBMERGES
3-30

Popeye
ONE OUTTA 500,000 OF 'EM ORTA FALL INNA HANDS. I WANTS ME MOMMA THEN & NOW \$10,000 REWARD FOR FINDING HER
3-30

Donald Duck
SURE, IT'S A NICE JOB, BUT \$100 IS TOO MUCH!
THAT'S MY PRICE!
HEY! JUST A MINUTE, SON!
3-30

Blondie
REMEMBER, DAGWOOD, THE FRONT DOORBELL IS STILL BROKEN AND YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY.
GEE POP! I DON'T KNOW YOU WERE AN ARTIST.
OH, BOY, ISN'T THAT ARTISTIC?
3-30

Boots and Her Buddies
GEE WIZZ! BOOTS DIDN'T COME TO THE ROOM AT ALL LAST NIGHT! I'M SCARED
IF ANYTHING HAS HAPPENED TO ER, I'LL
3-30

Red Ryder
WE'LL TRAIL TH' TRAIN ROBBERS, LITTLE DEANER! TH' CREW WILL REPORT IT IN TOWN!
ME SAD SORRY, RED RYDER, THAT MY NAWADO PEOPLE ROB-BUN TRAIN! RE NO SAVVY!
3-30

Alley Oop
YOUR BRINGING OOP BACK HERE IS GOING TO BE A HEADACHE TO ME.
OH, I'M SURE HE'LL NOT BE GETTING INTO MISCHIEF!
3-30

Freckles and His Friends
NO, SIR—I DIDN'T PUT UP THAT SIGN!
THEN HOW CAN ANYONE ELSE ORDER US OFF YOUR LOT?
3-30

The Pursuit
THE AFTERNOON IS SPENT IDLING ALONG, SAVING THE BATTERIES, WITH ONLY A PERISCOPE ABOVE WATER
3-30

"The Hand That Rocked a Cradle?"
YOU STAN ON THIS CORNER AN GIVS 'EM AWAY, HALF-HITCH. OKAY, POPEYE
3-30

It's Smart to Be Thrifty!
LOOK—IF I TOOK THE SIECAR OFF, I COULD LET 'Y HAVE IT FOR \$75. OKAY, THAT'S A DEAL!
WELL, IT'S YOURS NOW!
3-30

She's the Practical Type!
LOOK WHAT I MADE TO HANG ON THE FRONT DOOR
WHEN I WANT ART I'LL GO TO THE ART MUSEUM
ALL RIGHT, I'M FIXING IT!
3-30

That Bag Again
WHY DONTCHA USE YER HEAD, STUPID?
GIVE 'ER A TASTE OF WOTS IN THE LITTLE BACK BAG!
3-30

What's Up?
I KNOW YOU FEEL BAD, BUT THEY'RE GUILTY. THE LAW WILL...
--WHOA! THUNDER!
TAKE A LOOK AT THESE HORSE TRACKS!
3-30

How Can That Be?
STEW!! HOW SMELLS BUT I WANT MEAT! I'M HUNGRY! HOW'S ABOUT A NICE, THICK JUICY STEAK?
LAWDY, MAN, WHAT YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?? DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR ON?
WAR? S'MEAN THAT FRAGS IS STILL GOIN' ON, FER PETE SAKE?
3-30

Trouble for the Trespasser
GEE, LARD, YOU PLANTED YOUR WHOLE VICTORY GARDEN ON THE WRONG PROPERTY!
WHO OWNS THIS LOT, MR. SIPLE?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME AND SEE IF IT GIVES YOU A CLUE!
3-30

Thimble Theater
DUSK, THE ELEVEN-SEVEN AGAIN SURFACES, TURNS ON THE DIESELS, AND GOES TEARING AFTER THE CONVOY AT 15 KNOTS. OTHER U-BOATS ARE DOING THE SAME. THE WOLF PACK IS BATTERING
3-30

By Walt Disney
3-30

By Chic Young
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Tunisia Successes Proof of Complete Allied Unity

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

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British Premier Churchill gives us a succinct bulletin on the status of the battle of Tunisia today when, after reporting the fall of Gabes on the coast, he says that "we have every reason to be satisfied with the progress made by our superior forces and superior and resolute commanders."

Wise in the ways of war, however, he adds in the same breath a warning against underestimating "the task which confronts the whole Allied force in Tunisia."

The great fight of arms which has brought the Allied forces to within measurable distance of final success rests primarily on superb generalship and unselfish coordination of effort among the British, French and American armies engaged.

Some of the fiercest fighting of the whole war has been waged among the rugged wadis and jebels and the manmade defenses of this French possession. The casualties undoubtedly have been grievous. Yet not once have we heard any of the Allies saying more than our share of the load.

The strategy which laid the trap for the wily Rommel has proved its own worth. This was, of course, plotted in a council of generals over which Commander-in-Chief Eisenhower presided, and one finds his personality reflected in the great cooperation. One also sees the experience and sagacity of the veteran British leaders, Alexander and Montgomery, in the plans which wrecked the Mareth line — among the world's most powerful defenses. Our General "Two-gun" Patton and others presumably contributed.

Once the strategy was determined, the tactics of its execution fell to the generals in the field. Those tactics speak for themselves, though I think an extra touch of the cap goes to the Cromwellian Montgomery and his gallant crew who overcame that terrible Mareth line where so many British boys must have died in the "Devil's Cauldron."

But more than generalship and unselfish coordination will have played a vital part when finally the Allies have fought their way through the remaining valleys of death to success. Among the points we must note are these:

1. Allied cooperation existed not only in Tunisia but extended to the continent. The unprecedented bombing of Berlin and other Axis cities recently has been, among other things, to force the Germans to keep warplanes at home for defense instead of sending them to Tunisia and the Russian front.
2. The great part played by the British and American air forces in the Tunisian campaign again emphasizes the growing importance of this fighting Army. Montgomery's victory over Rommel in Egypt and Libya was due in no small degree to Anglo-American airpower, and the same can be said of the present show. The Mareth Line probably couldn't have been mastered without the terrible bombing administered to Rommel's positions.
3. Tunisia also reminds us of

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., March 30 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 12,000; weights 180 lbs up 5 to mostly 19 lbs lower; 10-15 lower; sows 15 lower; bulk good and choice 180-325 lbs. 15.40 - 55; top 15.60 sparingly; 160 - 170 lbs. 14.75-15.10; 140-160 lbs 14.25-15; 100-130 lbs 13.00-14.10; sows 15.00 - 35; stags 15.25 down.

Cattle, 3,500; calves, 1,200; market opening generally steady; bulls weak to 10 lower; a few medium and good steers 14.50-16.00; mixed yearlings 14.00-15.50; choice heifers 16.00; common and medium cows 11.00-13.00; medium and good cows 13.00-14.65; good and choice vealers 16.50; medium and good 14.00 and 15.25; odd lots medium and good stock calves 13.50-15.25; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-17.25, slaughter heifers 11.00 - 16.25, stocker and feeder steers 10.75-12.25.

Sheep, 2,000; market opened steady; part deck good and choice woolled lambs 16.50; around a deck medium and good 15.25.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, March 30 (AP)—Poultry live 13 trucks; firm; market unchanged. Butter, receipt 684, 515; firm; price a quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged.

Egg, receipt 35,382; easier; fresh graded extra first, local 37 1-2, car 38; first local 37 1-4, car 38; other price unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 30 (AP)—Stocks wrestled with profit takers in today's market but casualties were minor in most cases and a side assortment of favorites managed to post top figures for the year or longer.

Breadth and activity continued during the greater part of the proceedings although there were frequent slow-downs after a speedy start. There was much switching from recently soaring rails and industrials to long-backward utilities and the latter generally were in the forward van. While gains were well distributed, near the close, a number of recoveries appearing in the final hour, small losses were plentiful. Transfers were around 1,800,000 shares.

Exceptionally encouraging war news, investment demand and inflation ideas still were trend props but many customers inclined to stand aside because of the feeling that the length advance was due for a technical correction.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, March 30 (AP)—Grain futures trading held within a restricted range today although the undertone of the market was firm. Most trading interests focused attention on developments in Washington and seemed reluctant to take a position on either side of the market. Rye and oats followed wheat and corn was held at ceiling levels.

Wheat finished unchanged to 1-2 cent above the previous close, May \$1.45, July \$1.45 1-4; rye gained 1-2 to 3-4, May 85 1-8 July 87 7-8 —88; oats were unchanged to 18 cent ahead and corn was unchanged at ceilings.

Cash wheat: No sales.

Corn: No. 3 yellow 100—100 1-2; No 2 white 1.23

OATS: No 3 white 65 1-2.

NEW YORK COTTON

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Poland to Defend Rights After War

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The statement was made at a luncheon of the City Livery club, after Sikorski declared Polish soldiers had "shown their medal by fighting at the side of Great Britain." He said losses since the battle of Britain had been "very considerable."

Executions and massacres his country is experiencing are "terrible," Sikorski said, "for the Polish nation is carrying on an unflinching underground struggle against the invader."

"In view of all this," he continued, "I solemnly wish to state here, and with great emphasis, that if at the conclusion of the war our rights are not respected and our long and passionate devotion to freedom taken into consideration, every Pole, irrespective of religious or political creed, will unite to the last man to resist any claims which aim at the sovereignty and integrity of our country, from whatever quarter they might be raised."

Earlier in the speech, General Sikorski suggested that an Allied air force should go to the Russian front after the fighting in Tunisia is concluded, as an expression of Allied solidarity.

Board Favors Uniform Rate on Freight

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Abolition of long trading regional differential in freight rates and establishment of a uniform national rate to be recommended today by a board of investigation and research created by the 1940 transportation act.

In a report to the president and congress, two of the three board members declared that uniformity was necessary "to provide equal opportunity for the economic development of all parts of the country without artificial rate handicaps or preference."

They urged that Congress amend the Interstate Commerce act by "declaring that it is in the interest of a proper development of the country a whole that a uniform classification of freight rates be established for national-wide application, but with differential are clearly justified."

Kraft to Appeal High Court Tax Ruling

Little Rock, March 30 (AP)—The Southern Kraft Corporation of Camden notified the Revenue Department today it planned to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court from a recent Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that the department could collect 2 percent sale tax on wholesale consumption of imported natural gas and electricity.

The State Tribunal held that Southern Kraft and the Croell Lumber Company must pay to the tax approximately \$125,000 back tax for consumption dating to 1935, 1936.

The company contended the tax violated the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution.

Five More Arkansans Are Listed Missing

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Five Arkansans were included among 814 United States soldiers listed as missing in action in North Africa by the War Department today.

Many are probably prisoners of war, the department said.

Arkansas soldiers with next of kin are:

Pvt. Grady B. Condra, mother, Mrs. Victoria Condra, Rt. 1, Box 200, Harrisburg.

Sgt. Fencer B. Fort, Mrs. Fannie Fort, Alexander.

2nd Lt. Joseph R. Green, wife, Mrs. Maxine W. Green, North Little Rock.

Pvt. John E. Maher, mother, Mrs. Amy Maher, Devalls Bluff.

Staff Sgt. Ruben H. Summerhill, mother, Mrs. Alice E. Lewis, Rt. 1, Gurdon.

The Purple Heart of the North Pacific comprised 80 percent of the world's fur seals.

Fatal Shooting Outcome of Old Quarrel

Jonesboro, March 30 (AP)—A three-months-old quarrel that started with the discharge of a young woman employee was blamed by Fred Mathes, 67, Jonesboro Compress manager, for the slaying yesterday of the Compress Company president, James E. Parr, 61, prominent business man and close personal friend of Senator Hattie W. Caraway.

Prosecutor Marcus Fietz filed a charge of first degree murder against Mathes last night and said the man would be brought to trial at the April term of court.

Parr was the husband of Jonesboro's postmaster and Mrs. Caraway made her home at the Parr residence on visits to Jonesboro from Washington. The senator has not maintained a house of her own here for a number of years.

Fietz quoted Mathes as saying the quarrel started when he discharged Parr's niece who has been employed at the Compress. The manager said he went to Parr's office yesterday to obtain the company president's signature to payroll vouchers and at the same time proposed an amicable settlement of the dispute. He said Parr refused a reconciliation and the shooting followed.

Fietz said the slaying was witnessed by Joe Finch, Jonesboro insurance adjuster, who was in Parr's office at the time.

Senator Caraway left Washington this morning to return here for the Parr funeral.

Major Changes May Result in Draft Meeting

Washington, March 30 (AP)—A conference here next week of State Selective Service directors was scheduled today amid reports that changes in regulations are impending to clear the way for drafting of fathers when other classes are exhausted.

National headquarters discounted the importance of the meeting, describing it as an annual affair to give state directors and national officers an opportunity to go over their problems and exchange ideas.

But reports persisted that there soon would be major changes in regulations, possibly lumping all fathers outside the non-deferable group into a new class, despite War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt's admonition against speculation.

These reports are based in part on the fact that while drafting of fathers whose children are countable as dependents is barred by national regulations until further notice, many states will have to begin calling these men about July to meet quotas.

Hence to keep up the flow of men to the armed services it would be necessary to lift the ban against drafting fathers generally or make broad additions to the non-deferable list, which permits the induction of fathers who remain in such jobs and activities.

Both these steps may be taken. Creation of a classification for fathers apart from the 3-A and 3-B rating they now occupy along with childless married men would simplify the task of local boards in going over their records to determine who may be reclassified 1-A.

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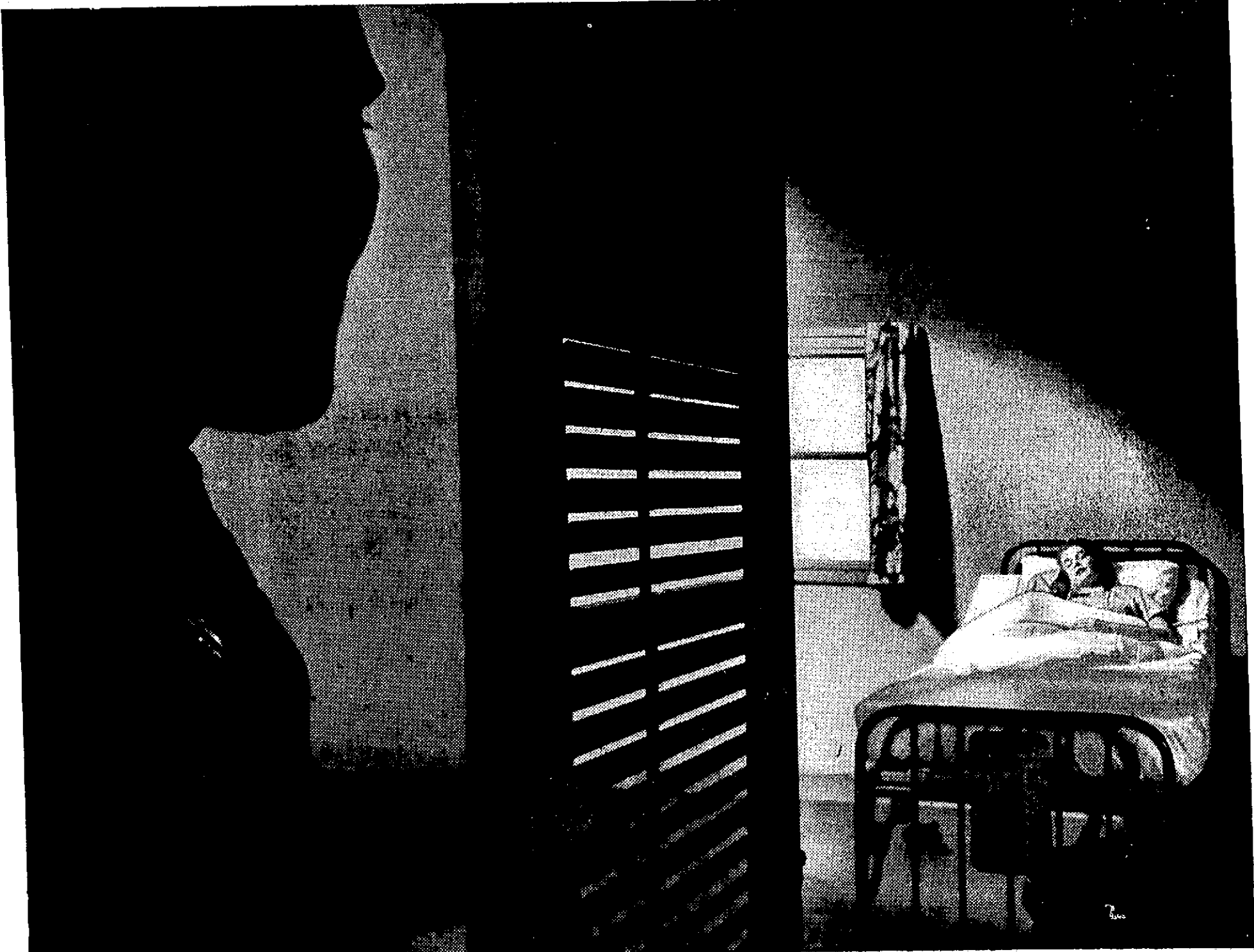
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Men like Major Anderson don't come back to tell us.

How much courage it takes to fight in a deadly jungle crawling with Japs . . . how much courage it takes to battle heat and sand and thirst and Germans in the African deserts most of us can only guess at.

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Such courage staggers the mind. It is the same kind of courage that has that neighbor boy of yours waiting at the hospital in uniform to see his new-born son.

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